

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

At 8:49pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 5, 2019, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, followed by a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Dewees, Korngut, Madden, O'Neill, Perri, Smith, Lischin

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Smith seconded, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019, without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Councilman Perri stated for the record that the bank at the corner of Cresson Avenue and Tilton Road would be a Republic Bank; the minutes say it will be demolished. He would just like the name of the bank reflected in the minutes.

All members present were in favor of approving the minutes, as amended.

Council President Lischin moved to committee reports.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilman Perri** - Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Sewer Operations, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri reported that the Planning Board had an application for waiver of sidewalks. The Seniors meeting went well and he thanked Sandy Santoro from Senior Services. The bypass pump at Davis Avenue started today.

Council President Lischin asked if Davis Avenue was completely blocked off.

Engineer Nassar replied that only one portion of the road was closed.

Councilman Perri added that all residents have access to their homes.

Engineer Nassar also noted that an additional stop sign was added for safety.

**Councilman O'Neill** - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, FAN

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Councilman O'Neill reported that he was not able to make contact with Linwood Councilman Paolone as to the increase; he wanted to convey to Councilman Paolone that in the future such an increase should be discussed beforehand.

**Councilwoman Korngut** – Library, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Technology/MRHS Channel 2

Councilwoman Korngut reported that the Library would have its next meeting February 14<sup>th</sup>. She attended the January 28<sup>th</sup> County Municipal Alliance meeting, and found it to be very informative as to the responsibilities of the local Coordinator and ideas for future projects. The Northfield Board of Education meeting was held on January 28<sup>th</sup> which included Teacher of the Year presentations. The Superintendent also laid out his goals for the year. At the last meeting, Council President Lischin asked that someone from the school come to the Council to present their budget. Their understanding was that they don't need approval, but are happy to comply. As to the Pre-School, Councilwoman Korngut was told it was not a grant, it was State Aid, and like any State Aid it can go up or go down. There was no obligation to provide it going forward, but the Board would have to make that decision if the aid were to cease. The next School Board meeting would be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> and representatives from NJ American Water Company would be attending.

Councilman Dewees asked were any additional classrooms being added for the pre-school.

Mayor Chau replied no.

**Councilman Dewees** - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Parks, Playgrounds

Councilman Dewees had no report this evening.

**Councilman Smith**– Finance/Collections, Little League/Babe Ruth, Shared Services

Councilman Smith reported that he attended the Northfield Little League meeting on Wednesday, and said that much of which was discussed at the work session this evening was discussed at the meeting. A shared service meeting with Councilwoman Korngut and Linwood was coming up; he would report at the next meeting.

**Councilwoman Madden** – Insurance and Safety, Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Madden had nothing to report for Insurance and Safety, and said she will attend her 1<sup>st</sup> Safety Meeting in February. She was able to reach the Mainland Board of Education but had to leave a message. The next Board of Education meeting would be February 19<sup>th</sup>. The first one she will be able to attend is March due to conflicts with Council meetings.

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Councilwoman Korngut advised Councilwoman Madden that the Northfield Community School puts their minutes on their website, and suggested that Mainland might as well.

**Council President Lischin - Fire Department/EMS, Cultural Committee**

Council President Lischin reported the Fire Department calls for January as follows: 6 total fire incidents, 3 false alarm calls, 2 good intent calls, 5 hazardous condition calls, 0 service call incidents, 22 EMS 1st responder incidents and 2 mutual aid calls; for a total of 38 dispatched incidents.

TriCare had a total of 122 dispatches, 124 calls with patients, 66 transports, 8 mutual aid calls to EHT and did not administer any Narcan.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau referred to documents he put in all City Hall mailboxes for Council: a letter from County Executive Levinson and an article about 911 fees. The bus shelters will not be installed until spring. The school wanted the fence to butt right up to the shelter, and a fence gate to be installed at the City's expense. The Council will want to remember to budget for this. He reported that Northfield was not the only municipality in Atlantic County that had concerns about the cost of fire suppression operations, a new fire truck can cost upwards of a half a million dollars. He encouraged all to attend the Atlantic County League of Municipalities meeting at the Crab Trap. The guest speaker was Steve Sweeney, who would speak on the cannabis issue. The Police Department took delivery of the 2 new police vehicles. CGI was soliciting businesses again to renew the video tours for our website: Mayor Chau advised that if anyone received any complaints to let him know, there had been a few complaints that CGI had used questionable tactics.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Nassar reported that the gas company was working along Juniper Drive and Cedar Bridge Road installing service to individual homes between 8:45am and 2:45pm, they were not interfering with school. The Davis Avenue Pump project should be finished within 8-10 weeks. The bypass pumps would be able to handle any flows that may come from Cresson Hill if the station was not complete yet; Engineer Nassar had a discussion with Gurwicz and they are fine with it. He reminded Council that the issue of the trees on Walnut needed to be resolved because of the paving job.

Councilman Smith asked for a copy of the zoning map.

Engineer Nassar would provide the Clerk's Office with a few large copies of the zoning map, one for Councilman Smith.

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**PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Council President Lischin opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any subject.

Seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Lischin closed the public session.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Lischin stated that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature, and having been reviewed by Council, will be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any Council Member and if so removed, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure of funds are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded, to adopt Resolution 42-2019, which was tabled at the last meeting.

**42-2019**        To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities - Jersey Shore

Councilwoman Korngut said she pulled the Resolution because it had lights. She appreciated Mr. Rosenfeld showing up and that he was willing to work with us, but it was an adult league and 3 of 25 are Northfield residents. She didn't want to jam them up but was open to hearing what Council said.

Councilwoman Madden noticed that the organizations pay fees, the youth groups do, but the adults do not.

Councilman Smith replied that those are not fees paid to the City.

Councilwoman Korngut wanted to know what we were doing for future applications.

Council President Lischin advised that we would have something in place for next year.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O'Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded, to adopt Resolution 47-2019.

**47-2019**        A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Second Amended Agreement for Shared Municipal Court for the Municipalities of the City of Northfield and the City of Linwood

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Councilwoman Korngut stated that she'd questioned this the last time we met; we said Linwood raised the salary of the prosecutor without consulting us. She wanted to know what else they can do.

Mayor Chau explained the switch between the prosecutor and public defender, and the judge.

Councilman Smith asked what Linwood said.

Councilman O'Neill replied that did not hear back. He was going to tell them that in the future, like we did with the judge, that they give us the same courtesy.

Council President Lischin explained if we said no to the amendment, we pay the entire \$3,400.00.

Councilman Smith asked if the resolution can be tabled, while we get an answer from Linwood.

Mayor Chau suggested a letter expressing our concerns to Linwood, to put it on the record.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O'Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

On a motion of Councilwoman Korngut, second of Councilwoman Madden, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 45-2019, 46-2019, and 48-2019 through 56-2019.

- 45-2019** Request to the County of Atlantic to Use County Roads for Parades and Other Functions
- 46-2019** Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers to Proceed with Engineering Services for the Project Known as Reconstruction of Walnut Avenue
- 48-2019** A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Daniel D. Alsofrom as the Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Northfield
- 49-2019** Acceptance of the LOSAP Point System and Qualifiers for Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Co. #1
- 50-2019** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – 10U Sandsharks
- 51-2019** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – 9U Sandsharks
- 52-2019** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – 9U Ospreys
- 53-2019** Authorizing Refund of Construction Permit Fees to Max Gurwicz and Sons, Inc.
- 54-2019** Authorizing Refund of Construction Permit Fees to Trinity Solar and Air, Inc.

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**55-2019** Amending Resolution No. 131-2016, Municipal Emergency Management Team and Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer Appointments

**56-2019** Amending Resolution No. 41-2019, and Approving the Use of Lights by Mainland Youth Lacrosse

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded, to adopt Resolutions 45-2019, 46-2019, and 48-2019 through 56-2019.

Solicitor Facenda announced a revision to Resolution 52-2019 to indicate that the approval was for use of the Minor or Farm League field, from 10am-3pm.

Councilman Perri referred to Resolution 49-2019, and suggested a future amendment to Chapter 33, the LOSAP Ordinance, Schedule A. The City of Northfield hereby reserves the right to alter or amend the criteria set forth in Schedule A, and to add volunteer firefighter duty crews as a requirement for LOSAP.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O'Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE**

Councilwoman Madden motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to introduce Ordinance 2-2019, to be read by title only.

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication and public hearing dates. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies are available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O'Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 2,352,431.63**

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Smith seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Ms. Korngut – yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. O'Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Smith - yes; Mr. Lischin – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Lischin read the meeting notices.

At 9:34pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk